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1. The members of the 5th Border Guard (PS) Brigade in Cheb who should have terminated their two-year term of military service in 1953 were informed in July 1953 that they would have to stay on until January 1954.
2. The political officers explained the measure to the men by stating that the Party and the Government demanded it and the men, as soldiers, could but obey this as an order. They said it was necessary because the international situation was very tense since the death of Stalin, there was a threat of invasion from the West, and if the imperialists were to launch an attack green recruits would be unable to resist.
3. The decision provoked much resentment, which expressed itself in less efficient performance of duties and in a number of inscriptions in the barracks.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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